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STATE, ARMS FOR TURKEY

1. SUMMARY: GOC SECSTATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IN
RESPONSE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, EXPRESSES CONCERN AT
ESTABLISHMENT SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, WHICH
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HE TERMS "SERIOUS SETBACK" TO NEGOTIATIONS. HE GAVE

EQUIVOCAL ANSWER TO QUESTION CONCERNING SUPPLY OF CANADIAN ARMS OR US ARMS TRANSSHIPPED VIA CANADA TO TURKEY, BUT EXTAFF OFFICIAL ASSURES US PRIVATELY GOC POLICY AGAINST SHIPMENT ARMS TO AREAS OF TENSION STILL IN FORCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ASKED IN PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 18 BY NDP MEMBER BREWIN IF GOC WOULD EXPRESS ITS DISAPPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEACHEN WAS READY WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE GOC HAS LEARNED WITH CONCERN OF THE STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON THAT ISLAND. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOWN, CONSIDERABLE PEACEKEEPING OBLIGATIONS THERE AND FOR THAT REASON HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AVOID TAKING SIDES. WE HAVE URGED THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE HOWEVER, AND OF COURSE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS MUST BE REGARDED AS A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THE SUCCESS OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. I MIGHT ADD TO MY HON. FRIEND THAT WE MUST NOTE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT GONE BEYOND ASKING FOR A FEDERATED STATE, AND THEREFORE THE CANADIAN POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS HAS NOT BEEN BREACHED BY THIS STATEMENT. I DO, HOWEVER, REGARD IT AS A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT NOW ALL COUNTRIES MUST URGE THE TWO PARTIES ON THE ISLAND TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS, EVEN THOUGH THIS COMPLICATING CIRCUMSTANCE HAS INTERVENED." ASKED IF TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE'S ESTABLISHMENT WAS PRELIMINARY MOVE TOWARD PARTITION AND DESTRUCTION OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, MACEACHEN RESPONDED THAT "THE STATEMENT ITSELF DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A REQUEST FOR PARTITION OR FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE. TO THAT EXTENT, IT MEETS THE CONCERN OF MY HON. FRIEND AND TO THAT EXTENT IT OUGHT TO BE GREETED WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION."

3. MACEACHEN WAS CAUGHT UNPREPARED TWO DAYS LATER BY THE SAME QUESTIONER WHO REFERRED TO REPORTS FROM ANKARA THAT CANADIAN ARMS DEALERS WERE SEEKING ORDERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN TURKEY FOR THE SALE OF AMMUNITION AND OTHER WAR MATERIALS TO TURKEY TO REPLACE THE ARMS EMBARGOED BY THE US, AND ASKED IF GOC POLICY WAS TO REFUSE TO LICENSE EXPORT OF ARMS TO TURKEY AT PRESENT. MACEACHEN'S RESPONSE: "AS I RECOLLECT, FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME DURING THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS IT WAS NOT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE ANY SUCH LICENCES. SINCE THE SITUATION HAS

CHANGED, I BELIEVE THE POLICY HAS ALSO BEEN MODIFIED, I SHOULD LIKE TO REFRESH MY MEMORY, HOWEVER, BEFORE GIVING THE HON. GENTLEMAN A DEFINITIVE ANSWER." IN RESPONSE TO A FURTHER QUESTION BY BREWIN, MACEACHEN AGREED TO SEE ALSO WHETHER AMERICAN ARMS ARE BEIN SHIPPED INTO CANADA FOR EXPORT TO TURKEY IN DEFIANCE OF US EMBARGO.

4. THESE QUESTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED PUBLICLY IN PARLIAMENT DUE TO THE ABSENCE THEREFROM OF MACEACHEN OR BREWIN. HOWEVER, EXTAFF DIRGEN FOR DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL RIDDELL TOLD POL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 26 THAT CANADIAN POLICY WAS AND IS NOT TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF ARMS FROM CANADA TO ANY AREA OF TENSION, WHICH GOC OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS TO BE. HE GAMELY TRIED TO EXPLAIN AWAY MACEACHEN'S EQUIVOCATION BY SUGGESTION THAT THE SECSTATE DID NOT WISH TO GIVE CATEGORICAL ANSWER WHICH MIGHT GIVE RISE TO CRITICISM OF GOC FOR ALLOWING EXPORT OF "GREY AREA" DUAL-PURPOSE ITEMS.
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